United Nations A/72/913

General Assembly

Distr.: General
5 July 2018

Original: English

Seventy-second session
Agenda item 150

Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Felipe **García Landa** (Mexico)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 48th meetings, on 7 May and 5 July 2018. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/72/644);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (A/72/730);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/789/Add.13).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.47

4. At its 48th meeting, on 5 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei"

[1] A/C.5/72/SR.35 and A/C.5/72/SR.48.

Please recycle

(A/C.5/72/L.47), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.47 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1990 (2011) of 27 June 2011, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for a period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2416 (2018) of 15 May 2018, by which the Council extended until 15 November 2018 the mandate of the Force as set out in paragraph 2 of resolution 1990 (2011), and resolution 2412 (2018) of 23 April 2018, by which the Council extended until 15 October 2018 the mandate modification set forth in resolution 2024 (2011) of 14 December 2011 and paragraph 1 of resolution 2075 (2012) of 16 November 2012,

Recalling also its resolution 66/241 A of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 71/298 of 30 June 2017,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011, 66/264 of 21 June 2012, 69/307 of 25 June 2015 and 70/286 of 17 June 2016, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei as at 30 April 2018, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 89.9 million United States dollars, representing some 5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 83 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

[1] A/72/644 and A/72/730.

[2] A/72/789/Add.13.

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Decides* to allocate an amount of 22,687,300 dollars for air operations from the overall resources for the Force;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289, 66/264, 69/307 and 70/286;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;[3]

13. *Decides* to reduce the commitment authority in the amount of 11,300,000 dollars, previously approved for the same period under the terms of its resolution 71/298, by the amount of 57,300 dollars to the amount of 11,242,700 dollars, as a result of which the total resources approved for the maintenance of the Force for the period will amount to 279,867,300 dollars, equal to the expenditures incurred by the Force during the same period;

14. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei an additional amount of 11,242,700 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, in addition to the amount of 268,624,600 dollars previously appropriated for the maintenance of the Force for the same period under the terms of its resolution 70/269 of 17 June 2016;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,737,400 dollars, representing the difference between the amount of 268,624,600 dollars already apportioned under the terms of resolution 70/269 for the maintenance of the Force and the actual expenditure of 279,867,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, less the amount of 8,505,300 dollars, representing other revenue in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the

[3] A/72/644.

scale of assessments for 2016 and 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

16. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 92,400 dollars, representing the difference between the estimated staff assessment income of 2,295,000 dollars approved for the Force under the terms of resolution 70/269 and the actual staff assessment income of 2,387,400 dollars for the financial period ended 30 June 2017;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

17. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 282,238,900 dollars for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, inclusive of 263,858,100 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 13,619,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, 3,426,300 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and 1,335,500 dollars for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda;

Financing of the appropriation

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 105,839,588 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 November 2018, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,637,063 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,064,025 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 412,688 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 110,175 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 50,175 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

20. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 35,279,863 dollars for the period from 16 November to 31 December 2018, at a monthly rate of 23,519,908 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2018, as set out in its resolution 70/245, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

21. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 545,688 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 354,675 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 137,563 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 36,725 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 16,725 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

22. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 141,119,450 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2019, at a monthly rate of 23,519,908 dollars, in accordance with the scale of assessments for 2019 and the

updated levels,[4] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

23. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,182,750 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 1,418,700 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 550,250 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, the prorated share of 146,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base and the prorated share of 66,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Regional Service Centre;

24. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

26. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei".

[4] To be adopted by the General Assembly.